

## **GANG VIOLENCE SECTION**

### **ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE (AGI)**

#### **Program Description**

AGI is a comprehensive strategic approach to reducing gang violence by linking prosecutors and community leaders to implement a multi-faceted strategy to reduce gang violence. It is a nationwide commitment to reduce gang-related crime by networking local programs that target gang crime with state and federal efforts and by providing those programs with the tools and resources they need to succeed. The program offers unprecedented coordination among law enforcement officials, with an emphasis on prevention, tactical intelligence gathering, more aggressive prosecution, and enhanced accountability through performance measures. The goal of this program is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gang violence and sustaining that reduction.

#### **Eligibility**

Selected non profit organizations and units of state and local government that were selected by the United States Attorney's in each of the Central, Eastern and Northern Districts of California are eligible to receive these funds.

#### **Authorized By**

Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act

#### **Fund Source and Amount**

Federal Trust Fund – Unknown for 2008/09

#### **Grant Award Period**

October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009

#### **Next Competitive/ Non Competitive Application Due Date**

The Anti-Gang Initiative Program has been incorporated into the federal Project Safe Neighborhood Program for FFY 2008. The U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Central, Northern and Eastern Judicial Districts will select grant recipients during the months of July and August, 2008.

#### **Additional Program Information**

Recipients in the Central District of the U.S. Attorney's Office, (Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties) work towards reducing gang criminal activity using strict enforcement of all gang, firearm, violent crime, and narcotics statutes. In the Eastern District, the District Attorney's Offices in San Joaquin and Fresno County are continuing an already successful juvenile prosecution program. In addition, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Crime Lab is working towards reducing gang and gun crime by increasing the lab's ability to test confiscated weapons, input ammunition into the Internal Business Information System (IBIS), and reduce a backlog of Sacramento Police Department's entry cases.

In the Northern District, the Law Enforcement and District Attorney's Offices in the cities of Oakland, Richmond, Salinas, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, San Jose, and Watsonville are using strict enforcement of all gang, firearm, violent crime, and narcotics statutes. They have also formed task forces dedicated to identifying the most ruthless gangs, and developed strategies to dismantle them. Meeting monthly to share intelligence and best practices, they work to reduce the gang problems in their respective communities.

#### **Where Do I Get More Information?**

This program is administered by the Gang Violence Section of the Crime and Gangs Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-5664.